GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1727
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WATER SHARING DISPUTES
P.C. THOMAS

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are disputes between Kerala and Tamil Nadu on sharing of rivers water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to settle such disputes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) : The dispute regarding sharing of Cauvery water among the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Union Territory of Pondicherry was referred to Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) under the provisions of Inter-State Water Disputes(ISWD) Ac 1956 in June 1990 for adjudication. The CWDT has passedan interim order in June 1991, which has been published by the Central Government in the official gazette. Other than the Cauverywater dispute, no request under the provisions of Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 either from the State of Tamil Nadu or Kerala has been sent to the Central Government about the existence of water dispute between the States.